

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5145.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings to examine the state of advanced nuclear technologies, focusing on the disposal of spent nuclear fuel from nuclear power reactors, the future strategic direction for nuclear energy and nuclear regulation, and the development of the Gas Turbine-Modular Helium Reactor, after receiving testimony from Hank C. Jenkins-Smith, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Joe F. Colvin, Jr., Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington, D.C.; Corbin A. McNeill, Jr., PECO Energy Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Richard Wilson, Harvard University, and Alan B. Smith, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, both of Cambridge, Massachusetts; Stan O. Schriber, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Linden Blue, General Atomics, San Diego, California; and Charles E. Till, Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois.

### FCC

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications resumed oversight hearings to examine the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on activities of the Mass Media Bureau, receiving testimony from Roy Stewart, Chief, Mass Media Bureau, FCC.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### PUERTO RICO

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee held oversight hearings to examine fiscal and economic implications of a change in the political status of Puerto Rico, receiving testimony from James R. White, Associate Director, Tax Policy and Administration Issues, General Accounting Office; J. Thomas Hexner, International Institute for Advanced Studies, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Ivar A. Pietri, Peregrine Development Company, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; and Marcos Rodriguez-Ema, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, Fernando Martin-Garcia, Puerto Rican Independence Party, and Santos Negron Diaz, Puerto Rico Development Bank, all of San Juan.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1758, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to facilitate protection of tropical forests through debt reduction with developing countries with tropical forests, with amendments;

S. Res. 172, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 50 years of independence;

S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group;

An original bill to amend section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act to require information on foreign government officials responsible for human rights abuses;

S. Con. Res. 30, expressing the sense of Congress that the Republic of China on Taiwan should be admitted to multilateral economic institutions including the IMF and IBRD;

H.R. 2232, to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China, with amendments;

The International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (Treaty Doc. 104-17), with 1 reservation, 2 declarations, and 1 proviso;

The International Grains Agreement (Treaty Doc. 105-4), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Treaty Doc. 104-36), with 1 declaration and 1 proviso;

The Trademark Law Treaty (Treaty Doc. 105-35), with 2 declarations and 1 proviso; and

The nominations of William Joseph Burns, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Ryan Clark Crocker, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, Charles H. Dolan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, and three Foreign Service Officer promotion lists, with an exception, received in the Senate on March 26, 1998 and April 2, 1998.

### GOVERNMENT COMPUTER SECURITY

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee held hearings to examine the state of computer security within Federal, State and local agencies, focusing on certain risks related to computer-communication technology and efforts to reduce them, receiving testimony from Peter G. Neumann, SRI International, Menlo Park, California; and representatives from LOphth Heavy Industries.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### TELEPHONE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition concluded hearings to examine the state of competition in the

telecommunications industry, focusing on how consolidation within the industry will affect businesses and consumers, including the impact of the proposed merger between Ameritech and SBC Communications, Inc., after receiving testimony from Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., SBC Communications, Inc., San Antonio, Texas; and Scott C. Cleland, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.

### BANKRUPTCY REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held hearings on S. 1914, to provide reforms to the business provisions of the bankruptcy code, focusing on Title II which updates and improves provisions of the bankruptcy code designed to ensure liquidity in financial markets, Title IV which establishes special fast-track bankruptcy procedures for businesses in Chapter 11 which have less than \$5 million in debt, and certain tax provisions, receiving testimony from Linda Ekstrom Stanley, United States Trustee for Region 17 (San Francisco, California), Department of Justice; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; Roger L. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Federal Finance; Philip J. Hendel, Hendel, Collins & Newton, Springfield, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Commercial Law League; Stephen H. Case, Davis, Polk & Wardwell, former Adviser, National Bankruptcy Review Commission, Ann Stern, Financial Guarantee Insurance Corporation, on behalf of the Association of Financial Guaranty Insurers, David Warren, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co., Inc., on behalf of the Bond Market Association, and Kathleen J. Cahill, New York City Office of the Corporation Counsel, on behalf of the National League of Cities, all of New York, New York; Randal C. Picker, Sidley & Austin, on behalf of the National Bankruptcy Conference, and Illinois Assistant Attorney

General James D. Newbold, on behalf of the National Association of Attorneys General, both of Chicago, Illinois; H. Elizabeth Baird, NationsBank, Charlotte, North Carolina, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Joyce Kuhns, Weinberg & Green, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the International Council of Shopping Centers; Grant W. Newton, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California; and Damon Silvers, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

### HEALTH CARE QUALITY

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings to examine how to implement improved health claim grievance procedures, focusing on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) requirements regarding internal review of health benefit claims and the need for independent external review, and S. 1712, to improve the quality of health plans and provide protections for consumers enrolled in such plans, after receiving testimony from Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefits; Margaret A. Hamburg, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Planning and Evaluation; Bernice Steinhardt, Director, Health Services Quality and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Maryland State Delegate Marilyn Goldwater, Annapolis, on behalf of the National Conference of State Legislatures; Stephen deMontmollin, AvMed Health Plan, Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Mark Smith, AMP Incorporated, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Corporate Health Care Coalition; Peter W. Thomas, Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Health Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities; and Thomas McAfee, Brown and Toland Medical Group, San Francisco, California.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 14 public bills, H.R. 3890–3903; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 278, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

Filed on May 18, H.R. 3150, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, amended (H. Rept. 105–540);

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Filed on May 18, H.R. 3809, to authorize appropriations for the United States Customs Service for fiscal years 1999 and 2000. Amended (H. Rept. 105–541);

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H.R. 2863, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to clarify restrictions under that Act on baiting, to facilitate acquisition of migratory bird habitat, amended (H. Rept. 105–542);